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IN RE APPLICATION OF

RALF NOERENBERG, ET AL. : EXAMINER: PARVINI, P.

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FOR: SOLID WATER-FREE COMPOSITE :

MATERIAL

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed December 22, 2008, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I: Claims 1-4, drawn to a solid water-free and alkanol-free composite material.

Applicants request that the Examiner expand the search to the non-elected claims of Groups II to IV, Claims 5-9, if the elected Group I claims are found allowable.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.